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v
BURY

Sat. 30th December, 1989.

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Division 3

Season 1989-90

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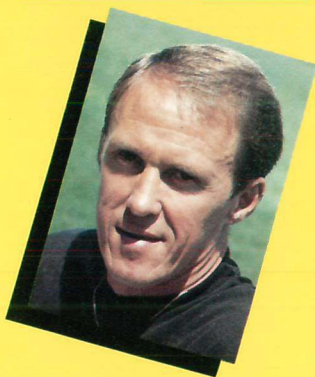
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PHIL'S PAGE



AFTER having been right up there among the leading pack for the first couple of months of the season, Bury have had a string of indifferent results over the past few weeks. But that has not altered my opinion that they are a very, very good side.

And I am under no illusions that they will come to Burnden Park today with anything other than a fierce determination to take the honours in this local

derby fixture.

Because of print deadlines, these notes had to be written before the Boxing Day games, so all I can say is that I hope we did ourselves justice against Blackpool.

Regardless of that result, though, we know we will have to be on our toes this afternoon.

Once again this season the Third Division has thrown up a feast of local derby games—Wigan, Preston, Blackpool—but I know for the supporters of our two teams that the Bolton v Bury fixtures are something rather special.

I sensed last season that with around half a dozen games to go our supporters, knowing we were safely heading for a place in the top half of the table, were keen to see us finish above Bury. I think a lot of people got a lot of satisfaction when we just pipped them at the end.

I'm sure the local, friendly rivalry will be just as interesting this time around and that this afternoon's game lives up to its expectations.



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WANDERERS v BURY THE LAST TEN MATCHES

29th April, 1989.	Bury	0	Bolton W.	0
12th November, 1989.	Bolton W.	2	BL9 OSW	4
20th April, 1987.	Bury	0	Bolton W.	0
26th December, 1986.	Bolton W.	2	BL9 OSW	3
25th February, 1986.	BL9 OSW	2	Bolton W.	1
26th August, 1985.	Bolton W.	1	BL9 OSW	4
7th March, 1969.	BL9 OSW	2	Bolton W.	1
17th August, 1968.	BL3 2QR	2	Bury	0
25th March, 1967.	BL3 2QR	3	Bury	1
14th October, 1966.	BL9 OSW	2	Bolton W.	1

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NEWS DESK NEWS DESK

E. & D. Looker,
Dorchester,
Dorset.

16th November 1989.

Dear Phil,
Whilst looking through the Sports Section in the local library on Monday of this week I saw your book "Life at the Kop" on the shelf and decided to bring it home to read, which I have now done. Afterwards I felt I must drop you a line to say how much I enjoyed the contents, especially as my wife and I are supporters of Bolton Wanderers.

We moved down to Dorchester in 1982 when I retired as our family, son and daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, side in the town. Prior to that we had always lived in the North—my wife being a native of Bolton and me a Rochdale. I started watching the Wanderers in 1938 and after war service we lived in Bolton for the first 7 years of our married life. Then we moved to Rochdale where I was employed but we continued to regularly attend Burnden Park where we were season ticket holders until moving South.

We still follow very closely the

fortunes of the Wanderers each week and one of the few things we miss by living in this part of the country is being unable to attend Burnden Park where we spent very many happy hours watching the lads.

Our favourite resort is Southport which we have been visiting each year for the past 30 years, and we make a habit whilst staying there of paying a visit to Bolton to have a meal in the Executive Suite at Burnden Park with our friend of long standing, Mrs. Gwen Hall, who has been watching the Wanderers all her life and who still attends all their home matches at the age of 82! She must be one of Bolton's longest serving supporters along with another old friend, Alf Martin, who unfortunately is at present laid up with an ankle injury, but who has been a very loyal supporter of the Wanderers over the years, and is very much missing not being able to attend their matches at present.

My wife and I always vowed that if and when Bolton got to Wembley to play in a Cup Final we would attend the match, and when the Wanderers played Bristol City in the Freight Rover Trophy Final in 1986 we joined the Bolton Supporters in the main stand together with our son and grandson. When the team marched out on to the playing pitch and the crowd stood up to cheer them, our grandson, Timothy, then aged 10 years, had tears in his eyes. It was a heart warming moment for all of us. Although Bolton were the losers on that occasion we thoroughly enjoyed watching the match, and we were overjoyed when the Wanderers were at Wembley again this year to play and beat Torquay in the final. We didn't attend the match then but obtained a video of it and were able to experience the thrill and excitement of seeing the team win then and also

enjoy the joyful scenes back in Bolton when the winners arrived back home.

We send our best wishes to the Wanderers' players and staff and we hope to see them winning promotion to the Second Division at the end of the present season.

Kindest regards to you and your family and long may you reign as Manager of Bolton Wanderers.

Yours very sincerely,
Ethel & Donald Looker.
(Lifeline Members)

PS

Two humorous incidents which come to mind whilst we were sat on Burnden Park watching the Wanderers play are (1)

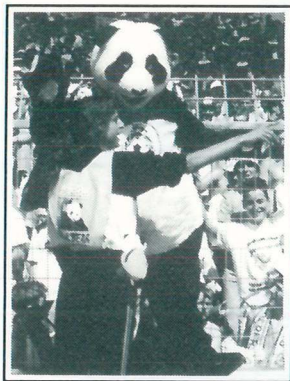
The first team were playing Carlisle United who were winning when one of the opposing side went down injured and was making out he was badly injured to waste some time near the end of the match; our friend Mrs. Hall who was sitting next to us in the stand and who very rarely showed any emotion even when the Wanderers scored a goal, was exasperated with his behaviour and remarked quietly "Oh dig a hole".

and (2)

The Wanderers signed John Manning during the 1968/69 season from a Yorkshire club I believe; he was a centre forward, heavily built and inclined to be on the slow side on the pitch. He was playing in a Central League game on Burnden Park one Saturday and seeming to be running about in 'slow motion' when one wag in the Stand shouted out "Tha'rt slower than Relphs". I turned to my wife and said "Who is Relphs?" To which she replied "They're undertakers in Bolton!"



NEWS DESK NEWS DESK



D.J. Bear at Wembley
Bolton v Torquay
Freight Rover Final



Your D.J. Bear—the official fun mascot of the Football League—is delighted to be visiting Burnden park for the first time this afternoon, to spread the message that football is fun and to promote the concept of "Sportsmanship, fair play and family entertainment."

D.J. was also honoured to have been at Wembley last season to meet you all and witness the Trotters emphatic victory over Torquay in the Freight Rover Final.

D.J. Bear has also been welcomed with open arms by players and officials:-

"Well done D. J. — You're proving our football fans are still the best in the world—Keep it up."

(David Rocastle, Arsenal & England)

"Top priority with referees is fair play and entertainment. You're doing a fantastic job keeping the crowds happy D.J., you're top man in my little back book"

(David Hutchinson - Referee)

Says D.J.

"I am also happy to announce that the D.J. Bear Animal XI will play the Football Writers XI at Wembley in a Gala Fun Match before the Leyland DAF Final. You will be able to keep in touch with all the updated news on this and other news about your D.J. Bear by reading Britain's top football magazine — Match Weekly — each and every week."

D.J. Bear will be kicking out match footballs and giving away his own special stickers before the game—and then will be presenting both captains and the referee with the famous pennants which read — D.J. BEAR SUPPORTS SPORTSMANSHIP, FAIR PLAY AND FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT.

Here's to an afternoon of fun, good football and goals.

Yours,
D.J. Bear

Mr. Michael Nilan,
Janitorial Staff,
Hastings College of Arts & Tech'gy,
St. Leonards on Sea, East Sussex.

Dear Sir,
I am enclosing an item from our Staff News Letter which I hope you may find time to read.

Jimmy's birthday is on Tuesday, 5th December, when we will be giving him a retirement gift.

I thought if you could kindly send him a card, it would certainly make his day complete.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,
M. Nilan.

JIMMY HERNON'S RETIREMENT

We'll all miss Jimmy Hernon when he retires. Did you know he was a football star? He has a fascinating scrapbook of his professional career. I asked him to write a few words about himself.

We wish you a long and happy retirement, Jimmy.

(Picture by John Ballard.)



Education: St. Mirren's Academy, Paisley.

Left home at 17 to play pro football for Leicester City. One week I was playing boys' football in Scotland and the next I was picked to play in Leicester's 1st team against Sheffield Wednesday.

At 181 was called up (1943) for the Army. A year later, June 16th 1944, our regiment landed on the beaches of Normandy. This was 10 days after D-Day. After a 6 weeks hold-up at Caen we advanced through France, Belgium and Holland, finishing at Osnabruck, North Germany, when the Germans surrendered in May 1945.

I then resumed my career with Leicester City, and in 1948 I was transferred to Bolton Wanderers for the third highest transfer fee at that time. My first game for them was against Liverpool at Anfield. We beat them 1-0. From Bolton I went to Grimsby Town and joined Bill Shankly, who was their manager. My next club was Watford, where a knee operation finished my league career.

When I finished football I joined Gallaher Ltd. (the Benson & Hedges tobacco firm) as Publicity Salesman, and progressed to their sales promotion department. After 22 years with Gallaher I was made redundant.



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PLAYER PROFILE

TONY PHILLISKIRK



Name: Tony Philliskirk

Place/Date of Birth:

Sunderland/10.2.65.

Married: Yes, to Lesley-Ann

Children: No

Favourite Other Team:

Sunderland

Favourite Away

Ground: Villa Park

Best Player you have seen in your position: Mark Hughes/Peter Beardsley

Best Goal scored and how: Probably first goal in League 1983-4 for Sheffield United—diving header. One at Swindon this season rates highly too.

Best Goal seen: Too many to mention.

Best Sporting Moment outside Football:

Winning County Tennis Championship.

The Liveliest Character you have met in football:

Andy Rhodes, Oldham goalkeeper and Joe Bolton ex Sheffield United full-back.

Details of your

First Match:

Won 1-0 at Plymouth 1983-84 for Sheffield United and I scored with a diving header.

Your worst

moment on the football field: Being sent off against Hull City for Sheffield Utd.

The funniest incident you have seen on a football pitch: Seeing Steve Foley's (ex Sheffield Utd.) shorts fall down on the pitch when the elastic in his shorts snapped.

Your best pal in football: Andy Rhodes (Oldham) now Phil Brown (I'm his personal chauffeur)

The best and worst dressers among your team mates:

Best: David ("Matt") Reeves. Worst: Ian Stevens.

Do you have any hobbies: Most sports especially tennis and snooker

With which sports star would you like to change places for a day?: Seve Ballesteros, if just for his bank balance.

Your favourite newspaper: Daily Star

Your favourite holiday spot: Hong Kong/America

Biggest risk taken in your life: Turning down University/College to turn professional as a footballer.

Happiest moment outside football:

Getting married and buying my first house.



VISITORS FILE VISITORS

BURY



This afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of our neighbours Bury, who will come to Bumden Park eager to continue their fine away form this season and also their impressive recent record at Bumden Park.

The Shakers have demonstrated their promotion ambitions with a burst of transfer activity unprecedented in the history of the club. In pre season new manager Sam Ellis, the former Blackpool boss, was given the chance to purchase some gifted and experienced players. Welsh International

defender Alan Knill was signed from Swansea City for a tribunal-fixed fee of £95,000 which set a new club record while Notts County full back Chris Withe and Blackpool striker Tony Cunningham were signed for fees of around £40,000 each. Recently Bury forked out a reported £70,000 to sign Newcastle goalkeeper Gary Kelly following a successful loan spell. Kelly has replaced former Wanderers keeper Simon Farnworth who is currently out of favour. Another ex Wanderer, Steve Elliott, has moved on to Rochdale for £10,000.

Cunningham has formed a fine front running partnership with Liam Robinson and with the talented Nigel Greenwood back among the goals and Jamie Hoyland popping them in from midfield the Shakers have had the benefit of some regular goalscorers. Knill has settled in well in the centre of defence while Withe was in outstanding form at left back until sidelined by injury. Free transfer signing Andy Feeley has become the midfield anchor man so much so that two of Bury's regulars from last season, Phil Parkinson and Sammy McLroy, have struggled for a first team place.

Bury have had some fine results away from home recording wins at Preston, Brentford, Northampton, Chester, Blackpool and Tranmere already. At home they have been held to draws in a number of games they have dominated territorially. With the new signings integrating well with the bulk of the players who performed well for most of last season (Bury began March in third place until a disappointing fade out coinciding with the departure of long serving manager Martin Dobson saw them win only one of their last 14

games) the indications are that Bury could go all the way this season. That is if they can improve their home form. Successive home defeats against Crewe (0-3) and Walsall (0-2) were a disappointing way to end 1989 at Gigg Lane.

In cup competitions the Shakers suffered first round knock outs in the Littlewoods Cup at the hands of Stockport County and in the FA Cup against Rotherham United but they are still in the Leyland DAF Trophy.

One familiar face missing from the Bury bench recently has been physio Wilf McGuinness. Wilf has undergone a hip operation and is currently out of action so best wishes Wilf for a quick recovery! Coach is former Wanderers defender Mike Walsh who came with Ellis from Blackpool.

Bury Last Season 1988-89

P 46

Home: W11 D7 L5 F27 A22

Away: W5 D6 L12 F28 A45

61 Pts (13th)

Most League Appearances:

Hoyland 46, Farnworth 45, Lee 45, McLroy 45, Clements 43+1, Hill 43, Robinson 43.

Most League Goals:

Robinson 20, Elliott 11, Hoyland 9, Lee 4.

Scorers 1989-90 League & Cup

(Upto and incl. 16.12.89.)

Robinson 11, Cunningham 7, Hoyland 6, Greenwood 5, Lee 4, Bishop 2, Withe 1, Feeley 1, OG 1.

Goalkeeper **Gary Kelly** recently completed a permanent transfer to Bury following a successful spell on loan from Newcastle United. Last season he had a short loan spell at Blackpool when Sam Ellis was the manager at Bloomfield Road. **Andy Hill**, the Bury captain, has been a superbly consistent performer since moving to Gigg Lane from Manchester United in 1984. Andy played a prominent role in Bury's promotion campaign in his first season with the Shakers and has made over 200 League appearances at full back or as a central defender. **Chris Withe** was a close season signing from Notts County where he was 'Player of the Year' last season. The former Newcastle United and Bradford City left back has already impressed the Shak-

FACT FILE

Season	Div.	Position	Lge Cup	FA Cup	League	
					Most Apps	Top Scorer
1984-85	4	4th	1	1	Brown 46, White 46, Madden 46, James 46	Madden 22
1985-86	4	20th	2	5	Valentine 46	Madden 14
1986-87	3	16th	2	1	Valentine 46	Greenwood 14
1987-88	3	14th	4	1	Pashley 46	Robinson 19
1988-89	3	13th	2	2	Hoyland 46	Robinson 20



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ers fans with his stylish displays. **Charlie Bishop** is a talented young full back who was a regular in the Bury side last season, earning some rave reviews. Formerly with Stoke and Watford, where he failed to break into the League side, his first team chances have been limited since Withe's arrival.

Midfield general **Andy Feeley** was a close season signing from Brentford. The former Hereford United and Leicester City man has already made himself a big favourite at Gigg Lane. **Peter Valentine**, as they say, needs no introduction to Burnden Park. The consistent central defender has been an enormous success at Gigg Lane since his move on a free transfer from Wanderers and was last season's 'Player of the Year'. Formerly with Huddersfield Town, Peter has now made over 250 League appearances but has still to play outside the Third Division. **Kenny Clements** has made nearly 500 League appearances in a distinguished career spent mostly at Manchester City (two spells) and Oldham Athletic. He moved to Bury in 1988 where last season he played as well as at any time in his career. **Alan Knill** became Bury's record signing at £95,000 when he moved from Swansea City during the summer. The former Halifax Town defender won his first Welsh cap against Holland earlier this year.

Sammy McIlroy won 88 Northern Ireland caps from 1972 to 1987 and is best remembered for his brilliant



Back Row: Gareth Price, Chris Withe, Jamie Hoyland, Tony Cunningham, Steve Elliott (now Rochdale), Andy Feeley, Kevin Hulme.

Middle Row: Jack Chapman (Ass. Manager), Ray Pointer (Coach) (since left the Club), Terry Pashley, Charlie Bishop, Kenny Clements, Simon Farnworth, Peter Valentine, Phil Parkinson, Paul Atkin, Alan Knill, Wilf McGuinness (Physio).

Front Row: David Lee, Nigel Greenwood, Andy Hill (Captain), Sam Ellis (Manager), Mike Walsh (Coach), Sammy McIlroy, Liam Robinson.

displays at Manchester United who he joined as an apprentice and went onto play for in 342 League games. He came to Bury after spells at Stoke and Manchester City where his silky midfield skills and outstanding sportsmanship won him a host of new admirers. **Jamie Hoyland** has proved a superb acquisition after being released from Manchester City. The versatile 23 year old midfielder player, who can also operate as a striker or in central defence, has made nearly 150 League appearances for the Shakers and proved to be a regular goalscorer.

Liam Robinson is Bury's top goalscorer, who if he stays at Gigg Lane could be a leading candidate to overhaul Craig Madden's club record tally of 129 League goals. The former Huddersfield Town striker has bounced back to form after a barren spell in the second half of last season and has formed a fine partnership with summer signing **Tony Cunningham**. Born in Jamaica, Tony has had a varied career which has taken in spells at Lincoln, Bamsley, Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester City, Newcastle United and Blackpool and is a widely respected striker. **Nigel Greenwood** is a former Preston striker now playing in midfield who has begun to find the net again

after a couple of seasons in and out of the side. In his first season at Gigg Lane, Nigel was the club's leading scorer.

David Lee's dazzling wing performances have made him one of the Third Division's outstanding players. The Manchester born 22 year old came up through the YTS ranks at Gigg Lane and had made over 150 senior appearances. **Kevin Hulme** is a former Horwich RMI and Radcliffe Borough striker who signed professional forms last season. He recently completed a loan spell at Chester City. **Phil Parkinson** is a combative midfield player who was signed from Southampton towards the end of the 1987-88 season. Last term he was a first team regular, though he has had limited opportunities this time around. **Terry Pashley** is Bury's longest serving player. The former Burnley and Blackpool full back has given the Shakers marvellous service but has found his first team chances restricted this season.

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MATCH REPORT

THE SCENE SO FAR

In DIVISION ONE current champions ARSENAL lead the pack going into the Christmas period and are one of only eight teams in the whole of the Barclays League who remain undefeated at home so far this season.

Opinion is that second placed LIVERPOOL aren't playing their usual strength but with 34 points amassed from 18 games are only two points behind the leaders.

David Platt has been a revelation at ASTON VILLA since his move from Crewe to prove Graham Taylor's eye for a bargain buy and has helped Villa climb the League into the top bracket. Terry Venables seems to have got things ticking at SPURS following an indifferent first quarter of the season.

At the other end of the table MANCHESTER CITY find themselves in bottom spot prompting their board to dispense with the services of Mel Machin. Newly appointed Howard Kendall knows of his task ahead and must have been satisfied with his teams 0-0 draw in his first game in charge returning to Everton for the first time in two years. Across the city at Old Trafford the first half of the season had been disappointing by United's standards and any hopes of League honours this term are gone.

DIVISION TWO sees the battle for supremacy by two Yorkshire sides in LEEDS and SHEFFIELD UNITED. The newly promoted Blades have adopted to Second Division football in fine fashion and some shrewd signings over at Elland Road are beginning to pay dividends and have won 10 of their 12 home games so far without being defeated.

Joe Royle's OLDHAM are having a good season having already beaten Arsenal in the Littlewoods Cup and lying handy in fourth spot. It certainly looks to be a fight to the finishing post.

The scene in Three sees BRISTOL ROVERS at the

helm by the odd point over NOTTS COUNTY. Newly promoted ROTHERHAM and TRANMERE alike have competed well and both have experienced the pole position during the course. Today's visitors BURY have been in contention since the start and have shown incredible away form with 6 wins and a draw. Home form has let them down and the points lost may prove to be decisive come next May.

Phil Neal reached his fourth year as manager here at BOLTON and his kind of football is bringing the fans back to Burnden. During that time he's experienced the highs and lows of football having seen the team relegated and promoted plus two Sherpa Van Wembley spots. The Swindon Littlewoods Cup saga of only a few weeks ago really caught the interest shown by 14,000 flocking to Burnden on one occasion. A crop of injuries has forced Phil to chop and change his formation and once these have fully cleared up we can look forward to an exciting second half of the campaign.



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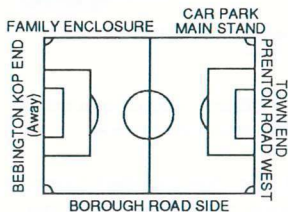
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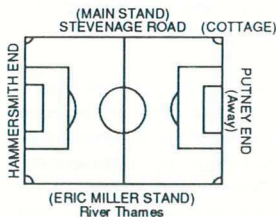
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TRANMERE ROVERS

The **Travel Club** are taking bookings for the game at Tranmere on New Years Day. Kick-Off is 7.30 p.m., the coaches will be leaving at 5.30 p.m. and the price is £3.50.

Programme: 70p

Admission Prices:

Main Stand seat tickets are available.

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Video Recordings (VHS) with commentary of all Tranmere Rovers HOME matches can be obtained from the ground. For further details contact the Souvenir Shop at Prenton Park.

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From Bolton take A666/M61/M62 to intersection 10, M6 at Croft. Take M6 south then M56 westbound to intersection 15, junction with M53. Take M53 northbound to J.3, come off and follow to a large roundabout. Take 2nd junction off the roundabout onto Woodchurch Road. Follow to the junction with Storeton Road, and then left into Prenton Road West. Football Ground is on right-hand side.

Ground Facilities

Food & Drink: Snack Bars throughout

Family Facilities:

Location of Stand: Family Enclosure

Capacity of Stand: 3,800

Away Families: None

Disabled Supporters:

Wheelchairs: Accommodated in

Disabled Section (Family enclosure)

Disabled Toilets: Two available

The Blind: No special facilities.

Club Shop:

Opening Times: Weekdays 9.00—

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FULHAM

The **Travel Club** are taking bookings for the game at Fulham on Saturday, 13th January. The coaches leave at 9.00 a.m. and the price is £10.50.

Programme £1.00

Travel Information

From Bolton take A666(M)/M61/M62 (follow 'Liverpool' and 'M6 South' signs) to intersection 21A M6 at Croft. Take M6/M1 south to intersection 1, junction with A406, North Circular Road; take A406 westbound to Chiswick roundabout junction with A315. Take A315 left towards Central London to Hammersmith, turning right at Hammersmith Station, down Fulham Palace Road, to Fulham Football Ground.

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Family Facilities:

Location of Stand: Miller Stand (Centre 'A' Block)

Capacity of Stand: 420

Away Families: Accommodated in Family Section.

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Disabled Toilets: None

The Blind: Commentaries by prior arrangement.

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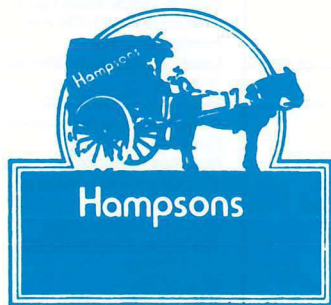
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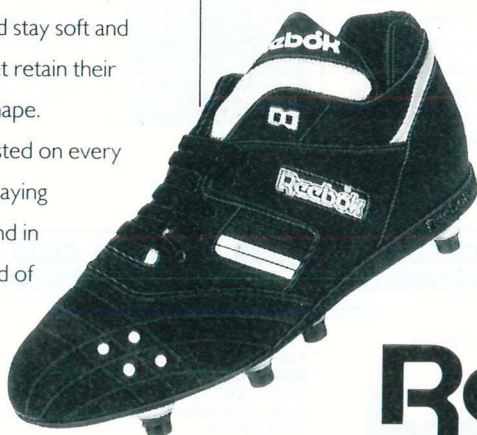
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LOOKING BACK

The 1980's (Part Two)



JOHN THOMAS
First hattrick since 1967

1985—The year began wit yet another managerial change. John McGovern departed and Charlie Wright took over as caretaker, the next four games all ending in success including the first away win of the season, 2-1 at Bristol Rovers and Wright was duly appointed manager. Unfortunately this early promise soon evaporated and although plenty of goals were scored, too many were conceded as the club once again staved off the threat of relegation. At the end of November Wright was dismissed and the following month Phil Neal was appointed player/manager.

1986—The turning point of the season came in February with the acquisition on loan, of both Dave Felgate and Stuart Ripley. Enough points were eventually won to forget about relegation and thoughts turned to Wembley and the Freight Rover Trophy. After a 1-0 win at Wigan in the first leg of the Northern final the best crowd at Burnden since January 1983 came to see the Wanderers come from behind to win 2-1 and earn a Wembley appearance. In the final Tony Caldwell hit the bar early on for the Wanderers but it was Bristol City who took the trophy with a 3-0 win.

1987—A failure to score goals cost the Wanderers dearly with only seven finding their way into the opponents net in the final seventeen league games. This left the club in a play off position but Aldershot, after winning 1-0 at home, managed to force a

2-2 draw at Burnden after extra time to send the Wanderers into the Fourth Division for the first time in their history. By the end of the year things looked much better with a place in the third round of the FA Cup secured and handily placed in 5th spot.

1988—After exits in both the FA Cup and Freight Rover Trophy it appeared that the Wanderers league form was beginning to suffer until a 4-0 win was recorded over Peterborough United at London Road. John Thomas hit a hat trick to become the first Wanderer since Francis Lee, in February 1967, to score three goals away from home in a league game.

The promotion issue went to the final game with Robbie Savage's goal earning victory at Wrexham to send the Wanderers to Division Three.

1989—After a promising start to the season the Wanderers slumped to 18th place by February but the turning point came the following month when, after a 1-0 defeat at eventual champions Wolves, Bolton didn't lose another game. It was enough to earn the club tenth place in the league, their best since 1984, along with success in the Sherpa Van Trophy when Torquay United were defeated 4-1 at Wembley. The Club records continued to fall with the team going twenty league games without defeat and setting a new record of twenty eight home games without defeat.



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ABOVE LEFT: Mark Came celebrates winner v Exeter on way to promotion from Division 4. (October 1987)

BELOW LEFT: Dean Crombie's Wembley wonder goal. (May 1989)

ABOVE RIGHT: Goalkeeper Jim McDonagh scores with long kick v Burnley. (January 1983)

BELOW RIGHT: Tony Caldwell's 3rd goal out of his five in 8-1 win v Walsall. (September 1983)

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Sam Ellis, the Bury boss, has put the steel into the side that compliments so well the fine footballing skills that have always been renowned from the Gigg Lane outfit. Summer recruits in Cunningham, Withe, Feeley and Knill have blended well with established starlets in Lee, Robinson and Hoyland.

With this being our last game in the Nineteen Eighties let's hope it is a game to remember, preferably with the Wanderers recording a long over due win over Bury.

Looking back over the decade in what has been a topsy turvey 10 years with losing our First Division status in 1980 and a period of serious financial problems culminating with the introduction of Lifeline, now moving into it's seventh successful

year. A steady slide saw us relegated to the Fourth Division before a marked up turn in fortunes has seen Phil Neal's side gaining promotion to the Third and winning the Sherpa Van Trophy, definitely the highlight of the eighties. With the side progressing well this season confidence is high that the club can continue to climb the divisions.

With the focus turning towards the 1990 World Cup in Italy it will be very intriguing to see how the authorities organize and cope with England, Holland and the Rep. of Ireland in the same group. All the recent discussions on the subject of these nations being grouped together seems to have put the main concern of football into the background while they all highlight the hooligan element. It really does depress you because surely the show-case of football 'The World Cup Finals' which generates millions of pounds from sponsorship, T.V. rights, etc. is far bigger than the idiots who bring the good name of football down to their level.



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	30	Stoke C.	H	3-4
Sep.	6	West Bromwich A.	A	1-5
	13	York City	H	2-3
	19	Burnley	A	1-0
	20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L		
	27	Blackpool	H	0-1
Oct.	2	Mansfield T.	A	4-2
	4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L		
	11	Preston N.E.	H	0-0
	18	Port Vale	A	1-1
	25	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-2
Nov.	8	Wigan Ath.	H	P
	15	Sunderland	A	2-3
	22	Scunthorpe Utd.	A	1-3
	29	Barnsley	H	1-0
Dec.	5	Grimsby T.	A	
	13	Middlesborough	H	
	19	Rotherham Utd.	A	
Jan.	3	Stoke City	A	
	10	Sheffield W.	H	
	17	York City	A	
	24	West Brom. Albion	H	
	31	Burnley	H	
Feb.	7	Blackpool	A	
	12	Preston N.E.	A	
	14	Littlewoods Cup SF/1L		
	21	Mansfield T.	H	
	28	Barnsley	A	
Mar.	5	Port Vale	H	
	14	Scunthorpe Utd.	H	
	28	Wolverhampton W.	A	
Apr.	4	Grimsby T.	H	
	10	Middlesborough	A	
	18	Rotherham Utd.	H	
	30	Wigan Ath.	A	
May	2	Sunderland	H	

4th December, 1989.

Lancashire FA Youth Cup

Bolton Wanderers 0
Manchester United 4

There was a period just before half time when the Wanderers appeared to have clawed their way back into a game that saw neither goal-keeper overworked.

Bolton, who were without the services of Mike Jeffrey, fell behind to a 17th minute goal when United's left winger, Ryan Wilson, got to the by line to cross for Steve Carter to rifle home a first time shot.

Alan Stubbs had a twenty yard drive well saved by Mark Botsnich but the Wanderers were denied what would have been their best chance thanks to a foul. Craig Lewin made room for himself and was on for a clear run at goal until he was hacked to the ground by Alan Tong who was immediately booked.

Two goals inside the opening ten minutes of the second half killed off Bolton's hopes. Firstly Craig Lawton tapped the ball home at the

far post after the Wanderers defence had failed to clear a corner, then Peter Smythe crashed a shot into the net from twelve yards.

The appearance of Dean Edge as substitute on the right hand side brought more life into the Bolton attack but the nearest they came to scoring was from a Nicky Bentham header that was spectacularly saved by the keeper.

Six minutes from time United hit their fourth goal when Paul Sixsmith volleyed home.

TEAMS

Bolton: Sharrock, Leedham, Oliver, Mason, Stubbs, Bentham, Williams, Hart, Birks, Lewin, Hughes. Subs: Vain for Lewin, Edge for Williams.

United: Botsnich, Costa, McAutley, Tonge, Lydiate, Smythe, Carter, Ferguson, Sixsmith, Lawton, Wilson. Subs: Docherty, Sharples.

9th December, 1989.

Bolton Wanderers 0
Manchester United 2

A strong Wanderers eleven went down once again at Burnden to Manchester United this time in the Lancashire League. Both goals came during the second half.

TEAM: Gray, Hughes, Oliver, Spooner, Stubbs, Bentham, Storer, Fisher, Stevens, Brookman, Edge. Subs: Roberts for Stubbs, Birks for Edge.



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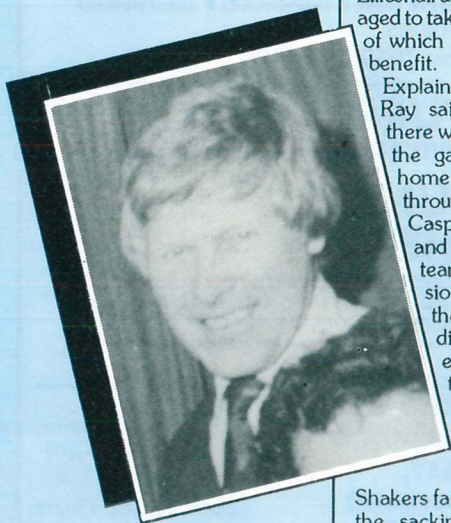
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RAY POINTER *England International Centre Forward*

"I would have to think hard if offered another job in the game."



When Ray Pointer left Turf Moor for Bury in the twilight of his career, his goalscoring power soon made him one of the most talked about persons around town for many, many years.

In 1983 he was asked to make a second return to Gigg Lane to work in a similar capacity as Nat was successfully doing on the commercial side here at Bolton. But it was only a matter of months before Ray was asked to apply his experience to the footballing side after Club Directors had decided to resurrect a Youth policy and this was to be Ray's responsibility.

Ray recalled, "Probably due to financial reasons there was no reserve team and this Youth team was to be formed from trialists. David Lee came through as an eventual product of the team."

A short time later England manager Bobby Robson implemented an idea in forming a national School of Excellence at Lillleshall and clubs were encouraged to take a similar vein, many of which are now reaping the benefit.

Explaining a complex picture Ray said, "It was felt that there was a skill deficiency in the game with not much home grown talent coming through at the time. Frank Casper, Wilf McGuinness and myself worked as a team on coaching sessions at schools around the area. Because we didn't have the staff everyone mixed in and this could include evening presentation engagements locally."

Last season Shakers fans were shocked over the sacking of their likeable

manager, Martin Dobson. Ray said, "Martin did a great job for the Club. He'd built up a good squad and we were still in with a chance of the play-off's. The players had so much faith in him and his sacking shattered them. They lost 6-0 the day after Martin's departure."

Present manager Sam Ellis took over the managers role to inherit the good squad of players Dobson had left behind. "He's spent a lot of money in adding three or four players in trying to produce a potentially promotion outfit", Ray added. It wasn't long however before Ray himself was to follow Dobson on the exit route from Gigg Lane and one suspects a hint of bitterness and disappointment in the circumstances surrounding the affair. He did confess to being upset at leaving a club he had served with such commitment. "I thought I was doing a decent job" admitted Ray. It was local wealthy businessman Mike Unsworth who immediately offered Ray a job outside football, and he was grateful for the opportunity. "I had met Mike during my days working in the Club's commercial department and we built up a good relationship over the years", Ray explained.

The former England star still keeps his hand in by scouting and playing for Manchester United 'veterans' along with David Sadler, Frank Haydock, Alan Gowling, Gordon Hill, Martin Buchan, and Mark Pearson. "They play my kind of football and they can still play a bit" he enthused. Ray Pointer was at Burden Park recently for the Swindon games and concluded, "They were two cracking matches."

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"The three encounters played to date . . . have all produced plenty of goals"

Although Bolton have yet to record a League success over Bury at Third Division level, the three encounters played to date between the clubs at Burnden have all produced plenty of goals, each ending in the points being taken back to Gigg Lane.

The Wanderers last League victory over Bury was in August 1968 when goals from Roy Greaves and Brian Bromley earned a 2-0 Second Division win before 16,627 at Burnden.

It is perhaps interesting to note that although Bury lost their First Division status back in 1929, no less than 34 of the 52 games between the teams has taken place in the top flight.

The first encounter at League level was at Gigg Lane in September 1895 when goals from Jim McGeachan, Bob Brown and Alex Paton gave Bolton a 3-0 win in Bury's first home game in Division One.

A month later Bury recorded their first away success at that

level by recording a 4-2 win at Burnden. Billy Joyce scored both Bolton goals that day in what was to be their only defeat in a ten game spell, eight of which were won, but the game goes down as the Wanderers first ever League defeat at Burnden Park.

Bolton's last League win at Gigg Lane was in May 1929 when a crowd of 9419 saw the F.A. Cup winners of four days score a 4-2 success with goals from Ted Vizard, George Gibson and a couple from Jim McClelland. Since then Bolton have made nine League visits without a win in what have been low scoring affairs.

The opposite can be said of recent meetings at Burnden with 16 goals coming in the last three games. In August 1985 Bury won 4-1 on their first visit for 17 years, David Cross scoring his fourth goal in three games for the Wanderers whilst the following term the Wanderers twice came from behind to equalise only to go down 3-2.

Last season Bury again took the points with a 4-2 win, two of their goals coming from former Wanderer Steve Elliott, Gary Leonard and a Liam Roberts penalty also finding the net. Bolton, who were three down after 46 minutes, scored through Phil Brown and Steve Thompson.

Our overall League record against Bury is as follows:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	26	13	4	9	46	41
Away	26	6	7	13	36	42
Total	52	19	11	22	82	83

Photo: Phil Brown scoring Wanderers first goal against Bury last term.





The club was going out once again for an immediate return to the top flight. Andrew Gardner, an outside left, was signed from Newcastle and Bill Yenson, a centre half, came from West Ham. Tom Barlow, who had been the leading goalscorer in 1901/-2 returned to Burnden after twelve months at Southampton where he had helped them to lift the Southern League championship.

James Picken went in the other direction to the South Coast whilst William Bannister also went South to Arsenal.

The Wanderers were in good company in the Second Division, with two other founder members,

Burnley and Preston, also attempting to regain their place in the top division.

A 3-0 win over Burton United at Burnden was followed up with a 3-2 win at Burslem Port Vale and it seemed that another term similar to 1899/1900 was on the cards.

Five consecutive home games during the Christmas period in which only one point was dropped placed the Wanderers in third spot behind Arsenal and Preston. Home form was fairly consistent but it was to be interest in the FA Cup and poor away results that saw the Wanderers slip to seventh in the League.

Seventh consecutive

games, all away from home, which yielded only two draws, put the end to any hopes of promotion. Indeed in the last seven League games only two goals were scored, one of these being an own goal by a Bradford City defender that was to give Bolton their only League win in the last eleven games of the season.

The players scoring ability seemed to have disappeared with the forwards that had scored eighteen goals in five games over Christmas and New Year missing the easiest of chances.

Whilst League form was poor there was consolation in the F.A. Cup. Southern Leaguers, Read-





ing, who had knocked the Wanderers out of the competition three seasons earlier, were accounted for after a replay. A tougher test awaited Bolton in the second round with the visit of Southern League champions Southampton to Burnden. The Saints were beaten 4-1 and the Wanderers were then drawn to face formidable opposition in First Division Sheffield United at Bramhall Lane. Bolton were clear underdogs, not only because of the divisional status but also because of their poor away form and United's impressive home record.

The sensation of the round was the headline as Bolton swept into the semi

SEASON 1903/04

* **Photo** *

Cup Finalists

1904

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Clifford, Watson,
Robertson, Broomfield,
Greenhalgh, Davies,
Yenson, Struthers, Boyd.**

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**Stones, White, Marsh,
Wright, Taylor.**

Front Row:

Hanson, Barlow.

final with a 2-0 win. The loss of not returning to the First Division at the first attempt was now being forgot as the club were now just two games away from getting their hands on the FA Cup.

A goal from Bob Taylor thirteen minutes from the end of the semi final against Derby at Molineux put Bolton into their second FA Cup final.

It was an all Lancashire affair with opponents Manchester City also chasing the First Division championship, the Wanderers as the Second Division side were virtually written off before a ball was kicked, but the remembered what happened in 1894 when they had lost out to Notts County.

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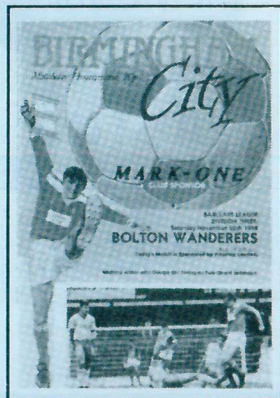
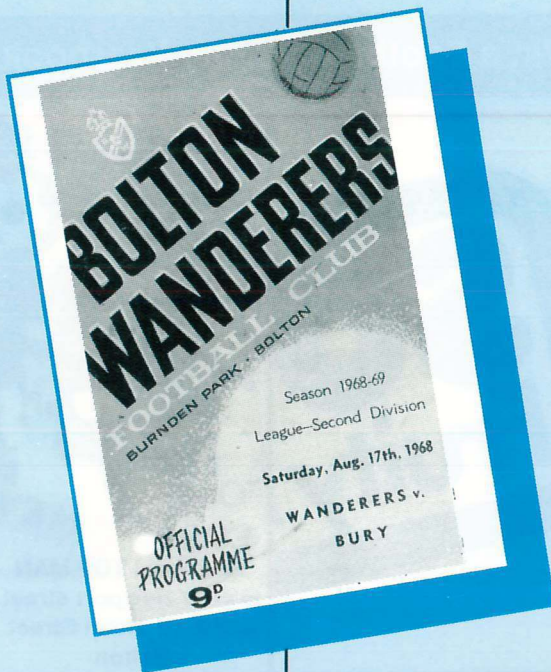
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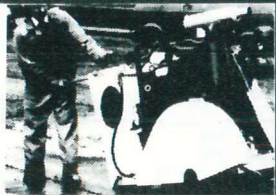


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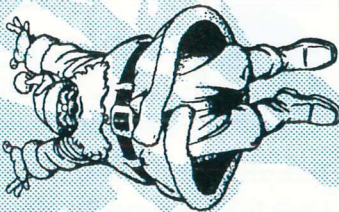
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DIVISION 3

	Home						Away						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Bristol R.....	19	6	3	0	18	7	4	2	3	8	6	3	37
Notts Co.....	19	6	2	1	13	5	4	4	2	16	13	36	
Bristol C.....	19	6	3	1	14	6	4	2	3	10	11	35	
Rotherham.....	19	7	3	0	30	9	2	4	3	8	8	34	
Tranmere.....	19	6	3	1	24	8	4	0	5	14	12	33	
Bury.....	19	5	3	2	14	11	6	1	2	18	13	33	
Bham C.....	19	7	2	1	18	4	2	1	6	6	16	30	
Shrewsbury.....	19	6	2	2	20	11	2	3	4	12	14	29	
Bolton.....	19	4	4	1	9	8	3	4	3	16	13	29	
Huddersfd.....	19	4	3	2	13	9	3	5	2	12	14	29	
Fulham.....	19	3	4	2	14	11	3	3	4	9	12	25	
Swansea.....	19	5	3	1	11	11	2	1	7	6	17	25	
Northampn.....	19	4	1	4	12	11	2	4	4	13	17	23	
Crewe.....	19	3	4	3	13	13	2	3	4	10	11	22	
Leyton O.....	19	5	1	3	14	9	1	2	7	13	24	21	
Freston.....	19	5	2	2	20	14	1	1	8	9	23	21	
Wigan.....	19	5	3	2	12	8	0	3	6	6	19	21	
Blackpool.....	19	3	2	5	9	11	2	3	4	9	12	20	
Reading.....	19	3	4	2	10	10	1	4	5	10	16	20	
Walsall.....	19	2	2	6	8	15	3	3	3	10	11	20	
Brentford.....	19	4	1	5	15	16	2	1	6	10	18	20	
Cardiff.....	19	2	4	4	14	17	2	3	4	11	16	19	
Chester.....	19	3	3	1	13	14	1	4	5	7	18	19	
Mansfield.....	19	3	1	5	10	13	2	2	6	3	14	18	

NEXT HOME GAMES

BOLTON WANDERERS v READING

Barclays League

Saturday, 6th January, 1990 • Kick-Off 3.00 p.m.
(Subject to F.A. Cup involvement)

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RESERVES v SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Pontin's League

* Wednesday, 10th January, 1990. • Kick-Off 7.00 p.m. *

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KIRKBY CENTRAL TEAM SHEET

BOLTON WANDERERS *White Shirts/Blue Shorts*

- 1 Dave FELGATE
- 2 Phil BROWN
- 3 Barry COWDRILL
- 4 Gary HENSHAW
- 5 Dean CROMBIE
- 6 Mark WINSTANLEY
- 7 Stuart STORER
- 8 Steve THOMPSON
- 9 David REEVES
- 10 Tony PHILLISKIRK
- 11 Julian DARBY
- 12
- 14

TODAYS LINE UP

BURY *Red Shirts/White Shorts*

- 1 Gary KELLY
- 2 Andy HILL
- 3 Chris WITHE
- 4 Jamie HOYLAND
- 5 Kenny CLEMENTS
- 6 Alan KNILL
- 7 David LEE
- 8 Liam ROBINSON
- 9 Tony CUNNINGHAM
- 10 Andy FEELEY
- 11 Charlie BISHOP
- 12
- 14

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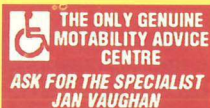


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Linesmen: A.R. Morton (Red) R.H. Andrews (Yellow)